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FINAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

MAKE-UP OF COMMISSION

Prominent Educators Constitute Committee on Curriculum and Entrance Requirements.

That the members of the Hamilton Commission on Curriculum and Entrance Requirements have been well chosen and represent high efficiency in scholastic work is shown by the various important educational positions which they hold.

Dr. George Prentice Bristol, the chairman of the committee, is the head of the Department of Education at Cornell University. He graduated from Hamilton in 1876, and after some study became instructor of Greek here. From here he went to Cornell, where he has been until recently professor of the Greek language. He taught the classics in the Delaware Literary Institute 1877-1879, and from then until 1898, when he went to Cornell, he was successively Assistant Professor and Associate Professor of Greek in this College. He is the author of several noted works on classic philology.

Dr. Edward Lawrence Stevens, '90, the vice-chairman, is Associate Superintendent of Schools of the city of New York. As Superintendent of Schools in 1898 he organized the schools of the Borough of Queens. He has been elected a member of the Board of School Superintendents for two terms and since 1904 has been in charge of the High Schools and Training Schools of New York City.

Prof. Theodore F. Collier, '94, was for several years Assistant Professor of Modern History at Williams College, and at the present time is Professor of Modern History at Brown University.

Rev. Arthur Stephen Hoyt, '72, is Professor of Homiletics and Sociology in Auburn Theological Seminary. He was Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory at Hamilton from 1886 to 1891, and before that was a tutor in Robert College, Constantinople, 1872-75. After he left Hamilton he went

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ATTITUDE OF COMMISSION DETERMINED

Resolutions Involve Few Radical Changes—No Greek at Present Needed for Classical Men.

"The resolutions adopted and published as representing the sentiments of the Hamilton Commission on Curriculum and Entrance Requirements are final. The Commission in these articles outlined the scope of the work to be carried on. We have power only to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees; these resolutions will form a part of our report." Such was the telephone statement given to Life Sunday by Prof. George P. Bristol, '76, of Cornell, chairman of the Commission. Up to the present time it is the most comprehensive outline of the workings of that body to be made public.

Despite the apparent importance of the resolutions adopted they are of little actual significance and do not limit the work of the Commission When first published it was believed that they involved radical changes in the curriculum and entrance requirements, particularly as affecting the A. B. course. Members of the Faculty and student body supporting what was apparently a summary action without thorough investigation were found to be in the minority. The idea gained prevalence that the Commission had taken an irretrievable step and had determined to present to the Trustees, without fully consulting the various bodies of the College, a scheme which necessarily meant a lowering of the entrance requirements. That such final action had been taken was not borne out, however, by Chairman Bristol, who said:

"The work of the Commission is to represent the sentiment of the Alumni and all who are interested in the welfare of the College. Plans will be laid before the Alumni and there will be freedom of discussion and publicity of action."

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PRESENT ACTION NOT NEW

First Attempt to Lower Entrance Requirements Made Eighty-three Years Ago This June.

The resolutions recently adopted by the Commission on the Curriculum and Entrance Requirements have called the attention of the undergraduate body to the fact that the demand for more men has been sounded many times before and that plans far more radical than those lately adopted have been promulgated.

During the regime of Dr. Henry Davis in 1828, following a disagreement with the College authorities, all but nine men left the institution. It was immediately suggested and urged with some vigor that the entrance requirements be materially altered. The more loyal of the Alumni, however, successfully opposed the scheme.

In 1834, after Dr. Dwight had become the head of Hamilton, the institution became financially embarassed. A sum of $50,000 was offered the College on condition that it be moved to Utica and the requirements of entrance lowered. Believing that this would mean the death of the institution Hamilton's Alumni again came forward and offered relief to the College in its financial straits.

During the presidency of Dr. Darling an effort was made to sell Hamilton to the Presbyterian Church, but the cry for "more men" was smothered and Hamilton remained true to her ideals.

It is found that practically all these attempts to lower the entrance requirements or in other ways modify the curriculum have come from the demand for "more men." In the present instance it is believed that the efforts of the younger Alumni in communication with the Trustees have effected the appointment of the Hamilton Commission.

—R. U. Sherman, '05, was elected President of the New York State Private Water Works Association at its annual meeting last Thursday.

AN EPISTLE TO "AVERAGE JONES."

(SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS, '91.)

Dear "Average Jones"; or should I, rather, say—
My dear "Sam" Adams?—(Be that as it may!)
I like your wisdom and I like your wit;
I like your cleverness; you are a "hit!"
For you did I a midnight "Tungsten" spoil,
(A wight no more may squander "midnight oil!")
And would again and yet again, for where
Through fiction strides a man so debonair?
Had I problem for solution—you
(Not Sherlock Holmes!) should furnish me the clue!
No Monsieur Dupin—see the page of Poe!—
A vexed enigma could unravel so;
And if you'll only keep this "average" up,
Each son of Hamilton will lift his cup
And toast you—thus—in no uncertain tones,—
'Here's to "Sam" Adams and to "Average Jones"!'

CLINTON SCOLLARD.

The above verses are inspired by Mr. Adams' recently published book. "Average Jones" is a collection of capital short stories relating the experience of one Average Jones, a detective. The book has received vrey favorable notice from reviewers and is considered one of the best things Mr. Adams has written.

MAKE-UP OF COMMISSION.

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to Auburn Seminary, where he has since been.

Dr. Calvin Noyes Kendall, '82, has recently been appointed Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey by Governor Woodrow Wilson, the appointment having been received the first of last May while he was Superintendent of Schools at Indianapolis.

Rev. Carlos Huntington Stone, '78, has been since 1887 Principal of the Cornwall Heights School at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Dr. Charles Wadsworth Cole, '62, has been the Senior Superintendent of Schools of the State for over 30 years, having been Superintendent of Schools at Albany since 1878. For ten years previous to that time he was professor of the English Language and Literature in Albany High School. Dr. Cole was President of the Hamilton College Alumni in 1887, and in 1896 was vice-president of the Department of Superintendents of the National Educational Association.

Prof. James D. Rogers, '89, is engaged in educational work in the West.

Archibald C. MacLachlan, '81, is Principal of the Jamaica Training School for Teachers at Jamaica, L. I., which position he has held since 1906. For nine years he was Principal of the Jamaica State Normal School, also a very successful conductor of New York State Teachers' Institutes.

After Dr. Brandt left Johns Hopkins, where he was Associate Professor of German from 1876 to 1882, he came to Hamilton where he has since taught.

Edward North Jones, '83, was Principal of the Plattsburg State Normal School from 1892 to 1898, and was First Assistant in the New York Training School for Teachers from that time until 1904. He has since been the principal of the latter institution.

Professor Edward Beardsley Parsons, '84, has for many years been a very successful professor of mathematics in the Boys' High School, Brooklyn.

George Lawyer, '85, began the practice of law in Albany in 1890 and at present is a member of the law firm of Buchanan, Lawyer & Whalen of that city. He has been since 1890 a well known contributor to legal publications and since 1905 has lectured at Albany Law School.

John McCullom Curran, '92, is at present one of the most prominent lawyers of Chicago, and is highly respected in his profession.

Prof. Albert W. Boesche, '97, shortly after his graduation was Assistant Professor of German at Rutgers and then Instructor in German at Harvard. He recently was made Professor of German at Cornell.

—The German Club will meet Friday at the home of Dr. Brandt. Alt Heidelberg will be read.

—Beverly has entered the Freshman class from Williams.

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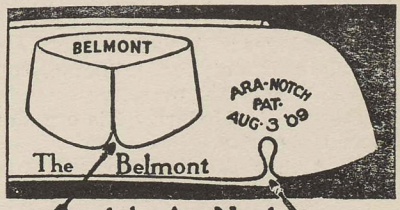

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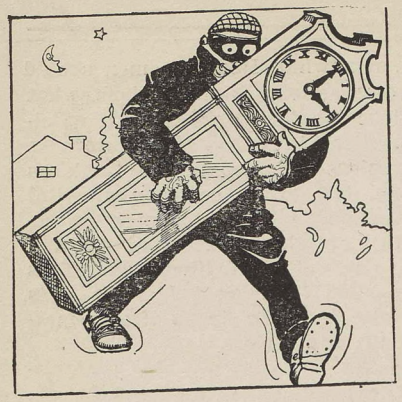

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EDITORIAL.

Plans Only; No Decision.

In commenting upon the resolutions passed by the Commission on Curriculum and Entrance Requirements, Life can as yet only urge Hamilton men to wait before forming any definite conclusions. While Professor Bristol, the Chairman, has stated that these resolutions are final, it must thoroughly be understood that they are final only in the sense that the Commission voted to follow up their work of investigation along these four lines and that any decision of the Commission is only advisory. The decision of the Commissoni, furthermore, must be agreed to by the Trustees and, according to the charter of the College, by the Faculty in formal vote. A careful study of the resolutions, moreover, will reveal the touch of a fine Italian hand, so to speak, for the phraseology is very indefinite. As has been stated, the resolutions merely indicate the course of investigation, and none need fear that any decision will be reached until all the evidence is in. Either the whole Commission or a sub-committee will hold sessions on the Hill this Winter, so as to permit members of the Faculty and student body to express their views. Requests will be sent to every Alumnus to obtain his opinion. The work of the Commission will be to crystallize the sentiment of Hamilton men regarding the future policy of the College.

That the members unanimously approved the four resolutions is rather remarkable and indicates either a decided feeling that our educational policy has been wrong or a desire to settle once and for all time the turbulent discussion over our policy. Nor does this unanimity mean that the members are likely to suggest more radical changes than those already approved. The Commission, composed of able men as it is, can be trusted to sift the evidence thoroughly and carefully and to arrive at an unbiased decision.

How the resolutions will read when the details are worked out and inserted not even the members of the Commission know, for this is to be their work this Winter and Spring and can be learned only when they have completed their investigation. While one who has kept in touch with the clash between the progressive and conservative parties of the Alumni suspects that the intention of the Commission is to suggest that a limited amount of science and history be allowed for entrance in place of an equivalent amount of some of the subjects now required; that the A. B. degree be given for Latin without Greek; and that the so-called group system of electives be established, according to the wording of the resolution the Commission has not committed itself and it will not do so yet. As is expressed in Resolution I, it is but the sense of the Committee that certain changes be made. Any decision regarding what these changes should be would defeat the purpose of the Commission: to investigate thoroughly the sentiment of Hamilton men.

In one sense, the scope of these resolutions is very broad, and yet, so subtle is the phraseology that if the Commission finds strong opposition to its attitude, it may limit the extent of its recommendations without retreating in any considerable measure from that attitude.

For the present, then, we must be content to wait for the Commission to make concrete its resolutions. And, meanwhile, Hamilton men should do some serious thinking about what shall be the future policy of the College. Easy it is to state opinions in discussion with those who think as we do, but to decide upon so vital a question as now confronts us requires, or should receive, at any rate, not a little deliberation. This is no time for snap judgment; it is not necessary nor, in so vital a matter, is it advisable.

On the attitude of the Commission, expressed or to be inferred, Life has yet no definite statement to make.

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Definition of Deal.

That the College may not think the question of doing away with deals has been forgotten, Life announces that a meeting of the committee will be held Monday night. At that time the following definition of a deal will be discussed and a better one will be determined upon if possible. The committee is willing to admit that the task of finding a definition, has assumed startling proportions but in despair of finding a better, has tentatively decided that a deal shall be considered as any understanding, expressed or implied, between members of different crowds, that "if you vote for me, I shall vote for you," and "if you campaign for me, I shall campaign for you," past present, or future.

This definition can easily be criticized; no one realizes that more than the members of the committee, but please do not pass judgment upon its efficacy until the committee has made its final report. This definition is published with the desire that suggestions may be offered. To sustain the working of a system built upon such a definition of a deal, the committee will undoubtedly recommend several changes in our method of holding elections.

Life admits that no compact will be practical unless the enforcement of it is made a question of honor with each student. Think the definition over and make suggestions!

UNDERCLASSMEN, ATTENTION!

The committee in charge of the Hallowe'en Party urge those who have not yet paid the tax to settle up at once. Gates, Marsh and Ogden are collecting from the Sophomores; McNair from the Freshmen.

—Walter Peck, ex-'12, has re-entered College in the class of 1913.

—Mahady, '13, has been elected Captain and Manager of the Junior Basket-ball Team.

DEBATE TRIALS TO BE DEC. 16.

Trials Open to Whole College—Eighteen Men Will be Chosen.

On account of the conflict with the meeting of the Student Volunteer Convention, the debate trials have been postponed from December 9th to the 16th. The trials will be held on the same basis as last year, with the exception that more men will be taken on the first draw, for there is a possibility that the College will participate in more than the regular League debates. Places on the team are open to the whole student body.

The trials next Saturday will be held on the question, "Resolved: That the Sherman Anti-Trust Law Should be Repealed." The Debate Council will hold the try-outs in the following order: First, the Juniors, at 2 o'clock; after these the Seniors, and then all those who wish to compete. Five men will be chosen from each of the upper classes to constitute the inter-class teams, and, besides these, six other men will be selected, regardless of class. In all, sixteen men will make up the Debating "Squad." Later, from this number, eight men will be chosen to represent the College in the Triangular Debating League. The Council hopes to be able to arrange debates with at least two other colleges so as to enable all of the men picked to take part in a public debate. The committee in charge of scheduling these other debates has communicated with Rutgers, but failed to secure the debate, because Rutgers had previously decided upon a question for this year. Cornell has not yet decided to accept our challenge.

The instructions as to the trials Saturday have been given out as follows: There will be no regular schedule of appearances, nor will there be any sides, each man being permitted to take what side of the question he wishes. The speeches will be eight minutes in length and will be in the form of advance speeches. However, rebuttal may be inserted in the allotted time, for there will be no second appearance.

REPAIRS TO WALK FINISHED.

The committee appointed to repair the walk below the Arbor has at last finished its task. New boards were laid where necessary and a new rail, larger and in better position than the old one, has been placed at the Psi U. curve.

—The French Club met last Friday with Professor Shepard. Le Baron de Fourchevif was read.

MANAGER INGERSOLL'S BUDGET.

Indoor Meet with Rochester — Dual Meets With Union and St. Lawrence in the Spring.

Track Manager Ingersoll, '13, has nearly completed arrangements for the coming track season. The winter work will consist of an indoor dual meet to be held in Rochester with Rochester University. The relay team candidates have already begun practice and are running daily in the Gymnasium or around the quadrangle. The prospects for a winning team are very bright inasmuch as Wenigmann, Roberts, Shaul and Hahn, '13, and Riddell, '15, form a strong nucleus from which to choose the runners.

For the outdoor work next Spring the manager is in communication with Floyd Risley of New York Mills whom he hopes to secure as coach. Risley is the Pennsylvania star who has won medals in this country and abroad against world-famed athletes. Meets have been scheduled with Union and St. Lawrence Universities, the first being with Union on Steuben Field on May 11. The St. Lawrence meet will be held at Canton on May 25. The Intercollegiate will be held on Decoration Day as heretofore, but the place for holding the meet has not yet been selected. The Colgate University authorities are desirous that the meet be held on Whitnall Field at Hamilton, and one or two other nearby cities are being considered by the committee in charge.

PLANS FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC.

Special Efforts Will be Made to Secure Entries from Larger Schools.

Interscholastic Day will be on Saturday, May 18. Manager Peck has already sent out over fifty invitations to schools throughout the State, and is particularly anxious to secure entries from the Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse High Schools and the leading preparatory schools along the Hudson River. In order not to overtax the accommodations of the College, only a limited number of teams will be allowed to compete, preference being given to early applicants.

The program of the week will include the usual events. On Friday the College Team will play Hobart, possibly, and in the evening the Y. M. C. A. reception will be held. Prize Speaking will be in the Chapel at 11 a. m. and promptly at 2 p. m. the first heat of the 100-yard dash will be started. At the College Smoker in Commons at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Stryker will distribute the medals.

CAST FOR PLAY SELECTED.

Charlatans Try-outs Held Last Tuesday—Rehearsals Begin at Once.

The assertion made by numerous undergraduates during the past few weeks to the effect that the College did not number in its enrollment sufficient dramatic talent to warrant the production of a meritorious play was disproved Tuesday afternoon when more than 25 men assembled in Commons Hall to participate in try-outs for the coming production of "The Westerner."

The competition for all parts was keen and spirited and stood in decided contrast to the conditions encountered in years past when members of the Charlatans were forced to go about the College begging on their knees for a suitable cast.

For a majority of the parts there were three competitors and in one role four men tried out. The various scenes were given on the platform of Commons, and at the conclusion the committee of award, consisting of Prof. and Mrs. Shepard, Profs. Scollard and Chase, and Thomas S. Jones of Utica, determined that the following men should have positions in the cast: DuBois, Bates, Eells, Parker, '12, Myer, Peck, Kultchar and Mahady, '13, Jessup, Royce, McLean, Callahan and McGibeny, '14, and Johnson, '15. The feminine roles will be interpreted by Mahady, McGibeny and Johnson.

Rehearsals for the Junior Week production will be begun at once and it is hoped that by the end of the Christmas recess the men will be not only letter perfect in their lines but will have sufficiently familiarized themselves with their parts and the action of the piece in general to permit Prof. Shepard to begin the final rehearsals.

Candidates for the position of assistant manager of the Charlatans are to report today to Lyon, '13, business manager of the organization.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Since the last issue of Life about one hundred and twenty-five volumes have come to the Library. They all are not new, however, for a good many sets of magazines have been bound and are now in convenient form for reference work. Dr. Brandt has donated twelve valuable volumes, completing the library set of "Jahnesberecht der germanischen Philologia" (the annual bibliography of the Germanic language).

One of the "new books" shelves to the left of the desk is filled with works on Art and Music.

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Prof. Brandt, the only Faculty member of the Commission, stated that consultation with the Faculty and Alumni would be held for the purpose of working out the details of the proposed plan. It was known that the Commission will assemble in Clinton during the late winter or early spring

As a matter of fact, the most important resolution numbered "II" and reading, "That Greek and Latin should not both be required for admission to the A. B. course", is not at all startling and does not involve any radical change from the present entrance requirements. The 1911 Hamilton Catalogue states that four years of Latin and three of Greek are required for entrance in the A. B. course. In reality there are nine men among the present Classical Freshmen who entered without Greek and who are now studying it for the first time. They will be awarded the A. B. degree. The unimportance of resolution II is thus apparent. It is interpreted by one member of the Faculty, however, as meaning that either Greek or Latin can be offered for entrance in this course provided that the applicant has for two years studied a modern language. The amount of Latin or Greek to be required is not yet known. In addition the applicant, according to the generally accepted interpretation of the resolution will be allowed to offer a limited amount of history or science, presumably a year. Whether the plans of the Commission as regards the Latin-Scientific course leading to a degree of Ph.B. include the elimination of a part of the four years of Latin is purely problematical.

The third resolution referring to a group system of studies is equally indefinite. A member of the Commission, however, writes as follows: "The effect would be not merely to provide for a group system but also, what is quite as important, to introduce greater variety and flexibility into the studies of Sophomore year. The opening up of Sophomore year is a necessary prerequisite to any comprehensive group system."

A member of the Faculty favoring the adoption of this resolution included in the so-called "group system" the following salient points: The restriction of all required studies to Freshman year; the division of the curriculum into three groups, language, science-mathematics, and history-philosophy, each student being required to major in one of the groups; a comprehensive division into sub-groups of electives. In other words a man would be allowed to specialize according to his choice, but once he had selected his group little further electing out of a group would be permitted. A man might change his group, however, on petition to the Faculty.

In response to a request for information concerning the position and function of the Commission, Life is in receipt of the following dispatch from Prof. Theodore F. Collier, '94, secretary of the body: "It would be unfortunate if the impression obtained that the Commission was acting as Alumni or for the Alumni, or that it was intended to supersede the regularly constituted agencies of the College. To be sure, the Commission is composed exclusively of Alumni, but it was established by the Trustees, and with full consent of the President. The Commission is the creation and instrument of the Trustees, the responsible governing body of the College. The procedure may be somewhat unusual, but it is in no sense revolutionary. The Commission will be very glad to know the opinion of the present student body."

The resolutions adopted by the Commission and forwarded to Life by Secretary Collier differ somewhat from those printed on December 5th. According to the corrections an additional resolution should be inserted, numbered "III" and reading, "That for admission to the A. B. course a second foreign language, with not less than two years of study, be required." It is not the sense of the Commission that one language alone should be accepted for admission.

A Life reporter in conversation with several members of the Faculty was able to ascertain that the unanimous approval of the proposed plans will not be forthcoming from that body. Dr. Stryker's position on the subject is best known from the statement "The College will sacrifice nothing of her chosen program to the mere lust of numbers, doing earnestly the while for all who are prepared to respond and who are not incapable or negligent."

The position taken by the general body of the Alumni will be known December 30, when the Alumni Council will hold a regular meeting and among other business consider the advisability of approving the resolutions of the Commission. It is believed on the authority of a member of the Council that if the changes are considered a step in the direction of getting more good men for the College, they will be approved. Nothing definite in this direction, however, is known.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS.

The following are the official resolutions expressing the general attitude of the Commission:

I. It is the sense of the Committee that a wider scope should be allowed in the choice of subjects offered for admission to the College.

II. That Greek and Latin should not both be required for admission to the A. B. course.

III. That for admission to the A. B. Course a second foreign language, with not less than two years of study, be required.

IV. That the study of certain groups of important subjects should be begun earlier in the College course than at present and that the studies elected should be so grouped as to secure the greatest continuity of study compatible with reasonable liberty of choice.

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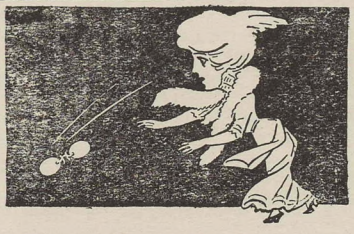

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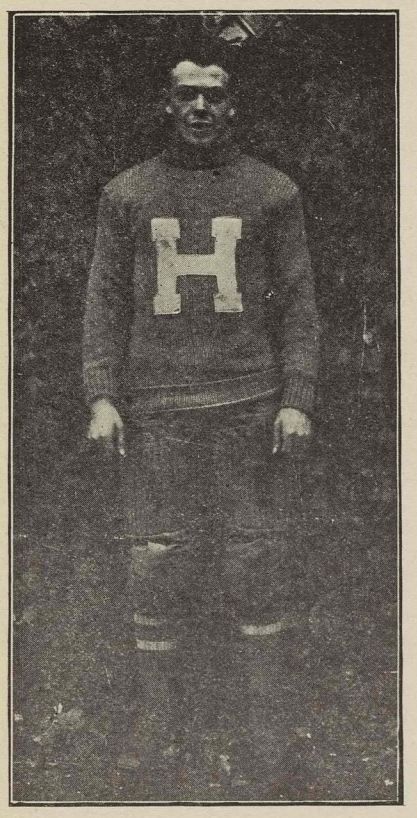
1911 FOOTBALL SQUAD.

Reading from left to right beginning at the top: 1st row, Eddy, Watkin, Potter, Lee, Manager Connell; 2nd row, Stone, Fear, Leavenworth, Thompson, McLean, Walker; 3rd row, C. Root, D. Root, Captain Knox, Eells, McGovern; 4th row, LaForce, Shaul, Jessup, Robinson.

THE SEASON.

Unquestionably, the playing of the Team last Fall was a distinct improvement over the work of the three previous Hamilton teams. True, several defeats were suffered over which we could not rejoice, but a proper consideration of the worth of the victors in those games lessens in large measure our feeling of disappointment. Football under the present rules is very uncertain, and many have said we did not have our fair share of luck. Possibly in many games luck did not exactly favor us, but, even so, Life maintains that in every game except against Middlebury the Team fully lived up to if not exceeded expectations. While the Team really showed its full power only in the Union game, we have every reason to feel a good round measure of satisfaction over the result of the season. That the Team did not show its top form in all the games was to be expected; no team does.

Even with Sidle, Burdick, Harper and Martin, old stand-bys all, graduated, and with other regulars of last year's team ineligible, such good material remained in College that none felt particularly dubious over the prospects for a good team this fall. Early practice was scheduled for September 16, and started with a rush under supervision of Barrows, '06, Drummond, '06, and Sidle, '11, whom we fortunately secured at a late date as Head-coach when "Bill" Moore found he could not officiate. No small task confronted the coaches



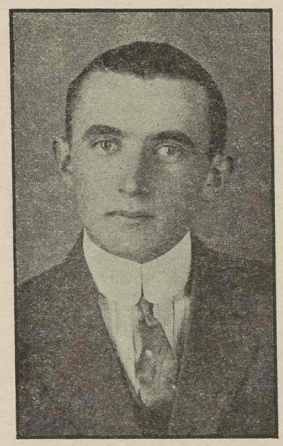
W. C. KNOX, '12, Captain.

in developing two ends, a centre, a tackle and a quarterback. However, the bold shift of Captain Knox to quarterback—bold because such a step was depriving the Team of an excellent halfback to make no one knew what kind of quarter or whether the vacant halfback position could adequately be filled—seemed to improve the offensive strength of the Team in sufficient measure to warrant keeping him in that position. Just before the Clarkson game, Jessup, on whom the coaches had counted to play fullback, sprained his ankle so severely, as was afterward discovered, that he was able to play only in the Union game. But as McLean and Kultchar both had had experience at fullback, we did not wholly despair. As for the other new regulars, Stone showed promise at half; Fear was playing an excellent game at centre; Leavenworth and E. LaForce at the ends, although inexperienced, were willing and fairly effective; and F. LaForce was a tower of strength at tackle.

Clarkson was rather easily defeated, almost every player on the Squad participating in the contest.

The Team showed real promise in the R. P. I. game, in which neither side scored nor was able to gain consistently. The line was subjected to the first powerful attack of the year and clearly demonstrated by its speed and strength from tackle to tackle that little anxiety need be felt for its defensive ability. On the offense, however, the Team showed the first symptoms of that lack of team-play and concerted aggressiveness which was to be the despair of the coaches all season until the Union game. The linemen seemed not to understand the first principles of their play and were both tardy in lunging when the ball was put in play and weak in aggressively following up their opponents. The back-field showed only flashes of power, partly because the line failed to open holes, but principally because there was no resolute interference.

Hobart, with a fast, hard-playing, and well-drilled line, an experienced back-field, and the powerful Bayliss, cleanly outplayed the Team in the old-style game, but our open play,



C. D. CONNELL, '12, Manager.

had fumbles not occurred at critical times, would have given us the game. Hobart's only score was due primarily to a fumbled kick-off recovered by one of their players, but secondarily and most important, to an error in strategy which gave Hobart the kick-off at the beginning of the second half when it was our privilege to kick. It was a heartbreaking game to lose, but Hobart had the better team.

In a somewhat listless game, Rochester, as was expected, cleanly won, but Hamilton was able to score on Walker's long run after he had recovered a fumble. With Leavenworth, E. LaForce, Robinson and Potter out of the game, the Team was materially weakened.

After a long, tedious trip, the Team managed to squeak out a victory over Middlebury by a goal from placement. Here again the delinquents were unable to play, but, considering their absence, the Team played very poorly. The mid-season slump, signs of which were apparent in the Rochester game, against Middlebury was clearly noticeable. The lack of interference and concerted aggressiveness reached its height in this game. From the Hamilton standpoint, the only redeeming feature of the game was the brilliant playing of Eddy at end, who first showed that he had the latent ability to play the powerful game he did against Union.

The week after the Middlebury game was a critical time for Hamilton football. The Team, discouraged and wofully lacking in aggressiveness, and imbued almost with a "don't care" spirit, fairly wabbled in its Monday and Tuesday practices. To make any creditable showing against the strong St. Lawrence team seemed wellnigh hopeless, and if badly beaten in Canton, the Team would have had no chance whatever of holding Union—such is the psychological effect of continuous ineffectiveness. The prospect was exceedingly gloomy. But the miracle happened. "Buggy" Thompson, '06, coming back to lend a hand at coaching, took the Team in charge and fairly whipped it into a state of enthusiasm and aggressiveness. St. Lawrence won, it is true, but only after a much harder game than was expected.

D. R. SIDLE, '11, Head Coach.

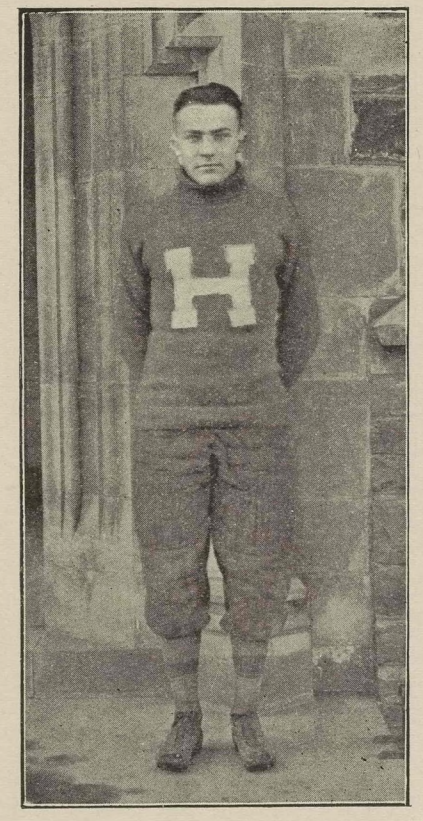
Still under the enthusing supervision of Thompson and later of Moore, ex-'10, Head-coach last year, and with Jessup and the delinquents back in the game, the Team practiced hard and faithfully for Union and, as we all know, administered a thorough trouncing to our chief rivals. The season closed in fitting fashion. Individually the men never played better —Captain Knox and Root excelling themselves; collectively, it was a smooth-running TEAM—no more need be said.

How much satisfaction may we derive from victories over Clarkson, Middlebury and Union, and a tie-game with R. P. I., when Hobart, Rochester and St. Lawrence defeated us? Hobart, though a stronger team, should not have scored; Rochester, too, was superior; and we were very fortunate to hold the best team St. Lawrence ever had—and they have had good ones—to twelve points. There should be absolutely no question about the success of last season. Many faults can be found in the work of the Team; it surely did not show its true strength until the Union game, but—well, somehow that last game makes us all forget petty faults Life is well satisfied.

CRITIQUE.

Inasmuch as the Alumni system of coaching probably will be retained another year, Life thinks it worth while to discuss the conduct of the coaching last Fall and to point out certain faults to be eradicated another season. The function of a coaching system has been discussed rather thoroughly in a recent issue of Life; so, indeed, have the advantages to Hamilton of the Alumni system. No further argument in favor of its retention, therefore, is necessary. Head-coach Sidle, new to his position, had an unenviable task to whip so much green material into shape. Fortunately, Drummond, '06, was able to be on the Hill for a month at the beginning of the season and was of inestimable value in planning out the scheme of offense. Several formations and plays were well worked out under his supervision and were productive of long gains time after time. The coaches planned a very well balanced attack, giving full opportunity for brilliancy and yet one capable of sustained power. Our catalogue of plays, handled by an experienced quarter and worked out with the brilliant co-operation of the whole Team as in the Union game, would have ranked with the best in the country. But a fair estimate of the possibilities afforded by our category of plays cannot be gained from the offense of the Team even in the Union game.

The coaches devoted more time to developing the kicking game than was given last year, but still not enough. Life maintains that the punters should spend at least an hour a day in practice especially if, as is most desirable, they attempt spirals. As for practice in kicking goals from the field, in regular scrimmage whenever possible, too much time cannot be given. Those who followed closely the accounts of the big games this year noticed that the team which developed best the kicking game usually won. By the term "kicking game" we mean not only the punting, but covering punts, running back kicks, blocking, hurrying the opposing kicker, being alert to recover fumbles and a large number of other details, but less important. And unless the present rules are considerably modified, the team which has best mastered the kicking game will stand the best chance next year. Under the present rules a team needs only a good punter, a fairly accurate goal-kicker, fast and alert ends, and a sturdy defense to win nearly every game. We were unfortunate this year in not having a man who could drive long, twisting punts, but Captain Knox would have attained considerably greater distance had he practiced more. Life believes that it would well repay the coaches to devote some of the time given to drilling the Team on offensive formations to perfecting the kicking game.



D. E. STONE, '13, Right Halfback.

Unfortunately the line was given little skillful coaching in offensive play. Sidle knew little of the niceties of line-play and, as no line coaches were able to be here at the beginning of the season when coaching really counts, the men were left practically on their own resources—rather limited capital, too. Had "Dick" Drummond, '01, or Nellis, '06, been able to coach, our line-play would have given little trouble; the men were able and cool under the stress of games, but they simply did not know how to play their positions.

While not at all satisfied with the apparent interest of the Alumni in the development of last year's Team, Life wishes to thank heartily Drummond, '06, Thompson, '06, Barrows, '06, Williams, '08, Moore, ex-'10, and Martin, '11, for their valuable services.

INDIVIDUAL.

Had Captain Knox played a much poorer game than he did, he would have deserved much credit for undertaking so cheerfully the responsibility of playing quarterback. He was not in the class of Holley to be sure, but, with no experience whatsoever as quarter, he greatly improved the offensive strength of the Team and in the Union game was just beginning to feel sure of himself. In addition to playing a position new to him, he also had to do the kicking. For most men, the responsibility of being captain is quite sufficient, but Knox was oppressed with two more equally heavy burdens, and the College knows how creditably he bore up under them. He is a hard, fast player, rarely brilliant but always reliable. Being quick at diagnosing open play, and a sure, hard tackler, he is the best man we have had to back up the line since Sidle used to make such startling tackles in his Sophomore year.

Don Root will be sorely missed. Strong and quick in charging, he was a hard man to gain ground through. Although not a master in the niceties of tackle-play, he learned to use his hands very well on defense and seldom had trouble in disposing of his tackle and end. For a big man he was very fast in getting down the field under punts and usually bowled his man over with a hard, jolting tackle. When downing the runner behind the line of scrimmage, as he so often did, he nearly

always gained a yard or so by throwing his man backward. On offense, Root never quite learned how to box his tackle in a finished manner and therefore could not be relied on to open up holes. When carrying the ball he ran with knees high and was hard to stop.

Both Captain Knox and Root fittingly closed their football careers by playing brilliantly against Union. Knox was not content to make the longest run of the day, skillfully avoiding three Union tacklers, but kept up his strong running throughou the game. In the first quarter when Union was making its only effective attack, Knox constantly cried out encouragement to the players, and thus when the ball was on the fifteen-yard line, did much to inspire the Team to pile up the Union rushes. The psychological effect on the players of such encouragement is tremendous, and had not the Captain risen to the occasion, no one knows what Union might have done. Root not only scored two touchdowns by his terrific plunges, but also, in blocking two punts, made possible another touchdown and a safety. The places of these Seniors will be hard to fill.

Stone at right halfback showed flashes of brilliancy all season; now he was certain of a gain, but in the next game he would be powerless. While this inconsistency in rushing was largely due to the lack of interference given him, he violated the first rule of running with the ball by hesitating to pick his hole. He not only wasted very precious time thereby, but was often tackled flat-footed and thrown backwards. Stone was a brilliant runner in an open field, although he might have used the straight-arm more, and was a sure tackler. Playing back on defense, he naturally received punts, and, while not especially accurate in judging kicks, he seldom fumbled and was quick in getting under way. We believe that if he had played ten or fifteen yards farther back in order to catch punts while on the run, longer gains would have resulted, and in very few instances would long drives have fallen safe. In making interference, Stone was the best of a poor lot.

Thompson, left guard, was the only man in the line to save unnecessary waste of energy by using scientific methods. He has studied his position so thoroughly that in two years, now, he has never been outplayed. Weighing but one hundred and sixty-nine pounds, he depends on getting the jump on his opponent, the prime requisite of offensive line-play. On defense he uses his hands so skillfully that he seldom has trouble in stopping plays directed at the center of the line. Very consistent in his play and never injured, he was one of the mainstays of the Team.

Fear, '13, at center, was one of the steadiest men on the Team. Speedy and a sure tackler, he was a power in backing up the line. On offense, he lacked accuracy in passing and was not skillful in opening up holes. As was the case with all the linemen, he was at his best in defensive play. He promised some ability in drop-kicking and should

D. S. ROOT, '12, Left Tackle.

have been given more practice. In the Union game the whole defense of the Team was planned to stop Sarvey. Fear was shifted outside tackle to provide an extra man on Sarvey's side and, with Leavenworth and Root, held that redoubtable player to a scant ten yards gain in the whole game. Fear is learning well how to diagnose plays, and meets them quickly.

Robinson, '14, left halfback, was the despair and comfort of the coaches, for while he was probably the most consistent ground-gainer on the Team, he almost never interfered for his fellow backs. A quick starter and a hard, unflinching runner, he was never stopped until he was on the ground and always managed to fall forward when tackled. Not a shifty runner in a broken field, he was not able to make wide end-runs often, but he had the knack of cutting inside the defensive end without hesitation—in marked contrast to Stone's practice — and plunging through for short gains. He used the straight-arm little in open field. His tackling was sure and usually near the scrimmage line for he never waited for the play to meet him. Robinson is an instinctive player, not a heady one.

Potter, '14, right guard, showed great improvement over last year's form. Although not an active player like Thompson, he is strong and charges powerfully. His great faults last year were lack of assurance and aggressiveness but these he overcame in large measure. His play would be better if he used his hands more on defense and studied his position more carefully. He depends too much upon sheer strength to do what scientific methods would make much easier. With the experience of this year he will show much improvement next Fall. Persistent and careful, he seldom stars but is most reliable.

Jessup, '14, on account of injuries, was able to play only against Union, and it is scarcely fair to judge his ability on that game alone, for he was not well trained, and was further hampered by his injured ankle. Big and fairly fast, he runs with his body inclined so far forward that he cannot keep his feet well, but trips over a prone body in the line—a thing which no fullback should do. He is a fair interferer, not so much because of cleverness as of his mere size and strength. On defense his high tackling is very faulty.

Eddy, '14, was substitute guard during the earlier part of the season, but against Middlebury and Union played left end and seemed more at home in that position. As all ends should be under the present rules, he is tall and heavy. That he is not a fast runner is offset largely by his quick starting and determined running. The speediest runner in a track suit does not always excell in a football game for the reason that he often does not run to the best of his ability. Although Eddy had little experience at end, he learned quickly and piled up all plays directed at him in the Union game. Willing to learn and cool-headed in games, he will develope rapidly. What mistakes he made last Fall may be explained by his inexperience.

Leavenworth, '14, played regularly

on the Team for the first time. He is not heavy enough to play end, but by carefully studying the requirements of his position he acquired a certain knack of holding up end-runs so that the secondary defence had time to pick off the runner. Leavenworth was greatly handicapped by his slowness and could not be relied on, therefore, to get down the field under punts. He follows the ball well, however, and recovered many loose balls, notably the blocked kick in the Union game, which gave us the first score. He is a cool, heady player on offense and greatly assists his tackle in boxing. The faculty which has made Leavenworth succeed is his intelligent study of the game.

LaForce, right tackle, was the only Freshman on the Team. Rangy, heavy, and experienced, he was well qualified to fill that important position. By skillful use of his hands he was able to break up play after play and was seldom gained through. On offense, however, he showed the weakness which afflicted the whole line; he was slow in getting started and he did not keep after his man hard enough. With some careful drill he should make a brilliant player. He is inclined to break through too close to the center of the line and thus is often rather easily boxed in out of end-runs. Under our system of defense the tackles are supposed to guard against cross-bucks and end-runs rather than against inside plunges. Some of our best gains against Union were made on the tackles shift, for Root and LaForce, when they really wanted to, could give very effective interference.

Eells, '12, played end in several games. He was fast and tall, and used his hands well, and with more experience would have had a regular position.

Walker, '12, failed to come up to expectations at halfback and, being transferred to end, played very well at the smashing game. He was fast and aggressive but did not know how to play his position.

C. Root, '12, was also a substitute end and the best of the lot. While he adopted the smashing style of play, he was usually quick enough to hit the interference before it was fairly started and thus often piled it up. Root was good at boxing.

Peters, '12, was unable to play steadily this year because of ill-health but managed to get in a few games. In punting he was not so good as formerly for his kicks were too low for our slow ends to cover. At halfback he was not so good as at end for he understood the latter position thoroughly.

McGovern, '12, played quarterback in a few games. His chief value lay in his being a fair interferer, but he was often penalized for use of his hands. At backing up the line he is a wonderfully sure tackler.

Watkins, Boone, Warren and Watkin have played regularly on the scrub for four years and may rest content in having done so much to help Hamilton football.

Kultchar, '13, played at fullback and center, and was a very handy man to have, for he could fill in at any position and put up a good game. Both he and McLean are too valuable men to keep off the Team, and next year, possibly, places will be found for them.

McLean, '14, played fullback most of the season and filled the position very creditably for one so inexperienced. He ran too high and was not accurate in picking holes. On the defense, however, McLean played finely. He should be played in the line or at end.

Wenigmann, '13, played in several games at end. He knew little of football and was used only to run with the ball. It is unfortunate that he could not have started playing earlier in his course, for he is fast and strong and should make a fine end.

E. LaForce, '14, started the season as regular right end, but, because of injuries, was compelled to stop playing. He was very willing to learn and was a hard player.

Lee, '14, should have come out more regularly. He was a fast man with the ball and was a strong line-plunger. His defensive work was not thoughtful nor aggressive.

Other men who should be given mention for their ability and willingness are: Shaul, '13, Abernathy, '14, McGowan, '14, and Keddy, King, Little, Miller and Restle of the Freshman class.

THE SCHEDULE.

Sept. 30, Hamilton 16, Clarkson 0.
Oct. 7, Hamilton 0, R. P. I. 0.
Oct. 14, Hamilton 0, Hobart 6.
October 21, Hamilton 6, Rochester 12.
Oct. 28, Hamilton 3, Middlebury 0.
Nov. 4, Hamilton 0, St. Lawrence 10.
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FORECAST FOR 1912.

With a wealth of heavy, fairly experienced material in College there is no reason why a successful team cannot be developed next year. Of the regular Team, but Captain Knox and Don Root graduate; and while several other Seniors played in games this Fall, Underclassmen were strong contestants for the positions. There seldom has been a Scrub composed of such good men. After bewailing for so many years the lack of heavy men on the Squad, the Coaches were compelled to use such men as C. Root, Eddy, McLean, Wenigmann and Kultchar only as substitutes for the greater part of the season. Next year the Team should be rearranged so as to make this weight available.

The only difficulties at present foreseen which may damage next year's good prospects result from the loss of our quarterback and punter. Stone, however, with sufficient practice may be able to do the kicking well enough, but the policy of spending much time to develop a Senior is often harmful, inasmuch as the same problem has to be solved the next season. Life advises that LaForce be set practicing in the Spring and kept at it. While he may not be skillful enough next Fall, there is every likelihood that for the remainder of his course he will fill the requirements to the satisfaction of all. Kickers are made, not born.

While it has been rumored that someone has stated that he heard someone else say that a marvelous quarterback would enter next Fall, Life believes in planning on what material is in College. The first requisite of a quarterback is that he know the theory of attack. He must not only know absolutely the power of his own team, and so plan the plays which will produce sustained gaining, but he must be able to analyze the weaknesses of the defense of opponents. He must be alert to detect any change in the formation of the other team and adapt his plays to that formation, and he must seize the proper opportunity to open up the attack. A quarterback who can fill these requirements and pass the ball, need have no other ability; he will make a Hamilton team.

Looking over the material available for next fall, Life selects Leavenworth as the man most fitted for position of quarterback. Leavenworth is not an instinctive player but by a careful study of football theory, he has trained himself into a cool, reliable end. Although he has never played quarterback, if given plenty of practice this Spring he will study out the requirements of the position.

With LaForce and Leavenworth requiring all the practice that can possibly be given, Spring practice for these two and enough others to help them is absolutely necessary.

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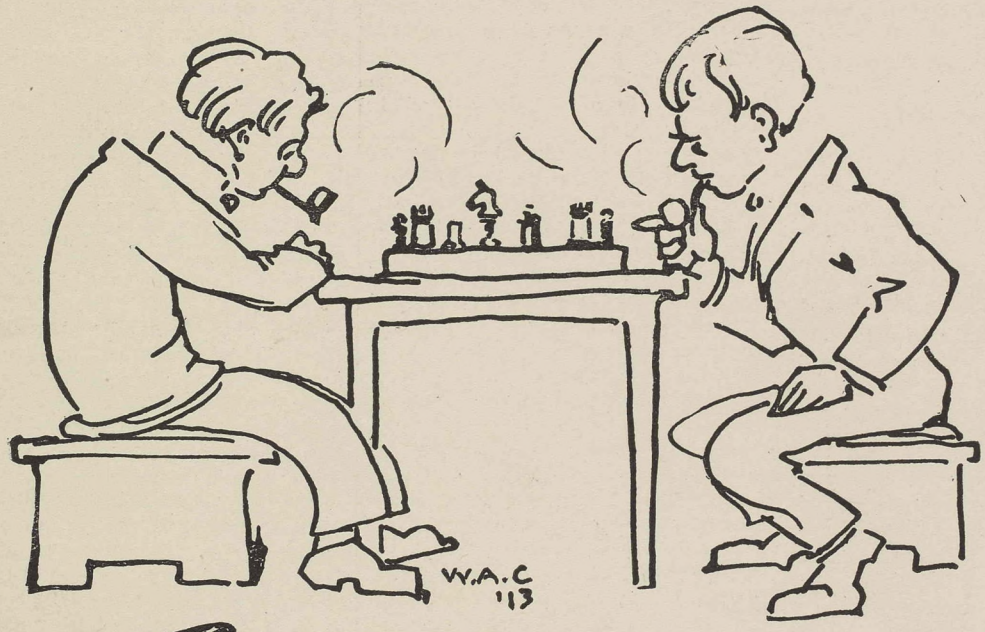

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